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CROP CONDITIONS

WHEAT IS NOT INJURED ON ATHENA FARMS.

In Some Instances Outer Leaves Are
Discolored But Roots and Stalk
Are Thrifty.

There is no cause for alarm over the condition of growing grain in the country adjacent to Athena, is the universal verdict given by the farmers. Along the backfurrows and on certain high ground brown spots may be seen, the result of snow blowing off the grain, but on close inspection the plant is found to be alive and giving evidence of a thrifty growth.

The only evidence of a freeze are these brown spots, caused by the outside leaves of the plant drooping and discoloring from frost effects, the roots and center stock remaining uninjured and alive.

On the lighter soil northwest of town in the Helix and Juniper sections, where the roots of the grain were perhaps more exposed, and where only a light fall of snow occurred, it is reported that some spots of badly frozen grain is noticeable, and will have to be resown.

Baseball League Formed.

A Northwestern league of professional baseball clubs was launched in Seattle Wednesday. The league comprises the following cities: Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.; Bellingham, Everett, Spokane and Walla Walla, Wash., and Pendleton, Ore., the last two cities to support one club. It was decided that each club should deposit a forfeit of \$1000 by March 1, as a guarantee to finish the season. A salary limit of \$100 and \$200 per month, exclusive of manager, was adopted. The season will open April 25 and close October 8.

Pioneer of 1853 Dies.

Alfred Hall, pioneer of the Northwest died in Walla Walla Wednesday after an illness extending over five years. Deceased was born in Illinois in 1838 and came to the coast in 1853 with his father, Dr. Langley Hall, and located in the Umpqua valley, Oregon. In 1860 with his father and brother he engaged in freighting from Southern Oregon to Florence, Idaho, mining district. He came to Walla Walla in 1874 and engaged in the cattle business.

TERMS OF PEACE ARE MADE KNOWN

Conditions Under Which Russia Would Call Off War With Japan. The Czar's Bluff.

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from St. Petersburg, confirming the Associated Press advices of February 17 and 18, from St. Petersburg to the effect that peace was under consideration, adds:

"The conditions under which Russia is prepared to make peace have practically been agreed upon. These are as follows:

"Korea to be placed under Japanese suzerainty.

"Port Arthur and the Liaotung peninsula to be ceded to Japan.

"Vladivostok to be declared a neutral port, with an open door.

"The eastern Chinese railroad to be placed under neutral international administration.

"Manchuria as far north as Harbin to be restored as an integral part of the Chinese empire.

"The difficulty lies in settling the question of indemnity, upon which it is known that Japan insists, but it is

thought the difference is not insuperable.

"The most trustworthy opinion at St. Petersburg is that, in view of the internal situation and the enormous difficulty in carrying on war, peace on the terms above will be concluded within a comparatively short time if the indemnity question can be arranged, but it is quite possible that Russia will risk another battle before a decision is reached."

The Czar Bluffs.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The German court has been advised that the czar has decided to continue the war on the ground that the domestic situation in Russia is now under control. It is said to be the judgment of the chiefs of the army that Oyama not only cannot defeat Kuropatkin, but stands in danger of defeat himself. The fact of the military situation, love of country and arguments of expediency are said to be in favor of pressing the war hopefully.

THE I. O. O. F. RECEPTION

New Lodge Hall Crowded—Entertainment and Social Features.

The public reception held last night by the local Odd Fellow lodge in the new I. O. O. F. K. of P. hall was all that could be expected in the way of success. Perhaps the largest number of people ever in attendance at a lodge entertainment or social were assembled when G. W. Bradley called the house to order, and announced that all was in readiness for the rendition of the program. Seats were filled early in the evening, and a string of men and boys were pressed into service for the purpose of carrying chairs from the opera house and one of the churches, and by the time the program commenced, these were occupied, the big assembly room was taxed to its capacity, the overflow crowd standing up in the hallway and reception room.

The audience was well entertained. Excellent music was given by Johnson's orchestra, Hon. Thos. G. Hailey delivered a pleasing address and each number of the program was well received. Baskets containing lunches for two were auctioned off by J. C. Stamper and G. W. Bradley, and after a sumptuous repast, the young folks enjoyed a

couple of hours dancing. The proceeds from the sale of baskets and the dance amounted to about \$95. The program follows:

March....."Russo-Japanese,"
Johnson's Orchestra.
Address, T. G. Hailey, of Pendleton.
Overture....."Silver Bell,"
Johnson's Orchestra.
"Spooks and Spirits," Class of Girls
Piano Solo, "Ben Hur Chariot Race,"
Lula Tharp.
Vocal Solo, "Hannah Won't You Open
That Door,".....
Lela Stamper.
Piano Solo,.....March Grotesque
Mrs. J. D. Plamondon.
Monologue and Song, J. B. McCowell
Recitation,....."The Inventor's Wife,"
Cecile Boyd.
"Ramona" Waltzes, by Anthony Bros.
Johnson's Orchestra.
Vocal Solo,....."In the Days of Old,"
Joseph N. Scott.
Recitation, "The School Marm's Courtin'."
Lela Stamper.
March,....."Lucy Anna,"
Johnson's Orchestra.
Basket Supper, etc.

Young Weber Found Guilty

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 23.—The Weber jury this afternoon brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, without recommendation.

The defendant smiled blandly when the jury reported and the foreman announced a verdict had been agreed upon. Judge Prewitt asked that the clerk record the verdict and as he read it the defendant crouched down in his seat. Beyond that he showed no outward sign.

There was no mark of approval by the audience while in the court room, but sentiment was unanimous in accord with the verdict, once outside. Weber, despite his conviction, continues to wear a confident air. He slept like a child last night and ate a hearty breakfast this morning. He takes it as a matter of fact a new trial will be granted and he be acquitted, and is preparing papers in support of an appeal.

The North Sea Decision

Paris, Feb. 23.—The international commission appointed to make inquiry into the North sea incident practically concluded its work tonight by finally agreeing to a report, which will be publicly announced Saturday. Concerning the report the following statement was made from the most authoritative quarter. The admirals sought a middle

ground, and the decision is not a pronounced victory for either side. It is of such a character as to preserve Russia's self-satisfaction. If anything the decision is more favorable to Great Britain than to Russia. On the other hand the Havas agency says: "The conclusions as a whole are quite favorable to Russia."

PUPILS ARE WORKING

UMATILLA COUNTY'S BIG EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY.

It Will Rank Among the Best in the State—Prof. R. F. Robinson Will Be In Charge.

That the educational exhibit of Umatilla county will rank with that of any other county in the state is the belief of those in charge of the work, says the Tribune.

The schools of the county are doing good work, and County Superintendent Welles is of the opinion that the exhibit will be completed in detail in time for the opening of the Lewis and Clark fair. Prof. R. F. Robinson, who is in charge of the state exhibit for the exposition, has been making visits through several counties and has found the work well under way.

In speaking of the work Mr. Robinson says:

"The several branches of state education will all be represented, including the state university, agricultural college, normal schools, school for the deaf and school for the blind. Besides the public schools of the state, and the state institutions, about 40 independent schools of the state have applied for space and will be represented in the state educational exhibit. The exhibits will consist of flat exhibits, such as writing, drawing and chart work, exhibits of manual training, clay modeling and photographs of school actively along its various lines, and in each section."

Prof. Robinson is expected to visit Umatilla county in a few days to look over the work that is being prosecuted by the pupils in the city and country schools. In addition to the public school exhibit the Eastern Oregon State Normal school at Weston will have an elaborate display of the work of the students attending that institution.

Gospel Meetings.

The revival meetings at the Christian church will continue this week and next. Evangelist J. B. Lister, of Eugene, is preaching able and interesting sermons. Subjects announced are:

Friday night, "Fully Persuaded;" Saturday, "Hope;" Sunday a. m., "The Church;" Sunday p. m., "Light of the World;" Monday, "The Plumbet;" Tuesday, "With All the Heart;" Wednesday, "Sin and its Consequences;" Thursday, "Decision of Character;" Friday, "What Must I do to Be Saved;" Saturday, "Save Yourself;" Sunday a. m., "Things Settled;" Sunday p. m., "The Strait Gate."

Identity Is Discovered.

The man swindled out of \$10,000 by the "gold brick" trick at Salem is William Vance, a man of wealth, whose residence is at Albany, Ore., the deal being consummated at Salem. It developed that the daughter of Vance used every effort to persuade her father to have nothing to do with the confidence operator, even going so far on the day he left Albany for Salem to telegraph a Salem attorney to have him add his influence to hers. Vance stubbornly refused to listen to the lawyer and persisted in going to the Ladd & Bush bank, where the money changed hands.

M. L. Watts Withdraws.

M. L. Watts authorizes the Press to announce that he has withdrawn as a candidate for mayor. Mr. Watts was nominated for the office by petition, the paper bearing a goodly number of names of representative citizens who are keenly disappointed that he finds it impossible owing to pressure of business affairs to give time for a canvass of votes, or if elected, devote his attention to the duties of the office.

Adolph Weber Convicted.

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 22.—Adolph Weber was today convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of his mother. The jury was out 15 hours. Weber is 20 years old and was tried for the murder of his mother, and is also accused of killing his father, sister and brother, and of burning the family residence.

Ohio Criminal.

Louis Lancer, who is wanted in Delaware, Ohio, for embezzling \$6,000 was arrested Wednesday at the home of his brother, Fred Lancer, near Milton, and is held in the county jail at Pendleton. Delaware officers have been notified of his arrest.